

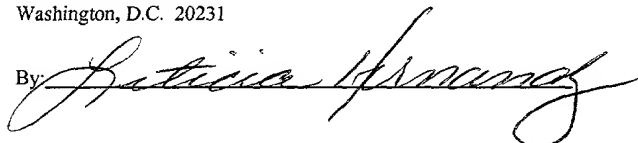
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In re application of:

Gentalen et al.

Application No.: To be assigned

Filed: January 1, 2000

For: METHODS OF USING AN  
ARRAY OF POOLED PROBES IN  
GENETIC ANALYSIS

Art Unit: To be assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following  
amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10 and 12-18.

REMARKS

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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